(a) the length and details of National Highways in Assam which require repairs;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the repair of National Highways during last two years in Assam; and

(c) the amount released so far to repair the National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are thirteen National Highways *viz* National Highway Nos. 31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52, 53 and 54 with a total length of 2296 Km. in Assam. Maintenance and repairs are continuous activity and are required on the entire National Highway system.

(b) and (c) The details of amount for maintenance and repairs sanctioned/released for Assam during the last two years are as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1018.09
1992-93	1039.62

Passes Issued By D.T.C.

1297. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether buses with blue and cream colours in Delhi were under D.T.C. operation some time back;

(b) if so, the number of such buses and the date on which these have been put under STA permits;

(c) whether this situation has affected issuance of passes of different categories by D.T.C.;

(d) whether Government are aware that such situation has increased the plight of pass holders; and

(e) if so, details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to increase the fleet of D.T.C. to overcome the grievances of pass holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 578 such buses whose contracts were terminated by DTC w.e.f. 31-5-93 have been granted permits by STA, Delhi from 1-6-1993 to 20-7-1993.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) DTC has introduced a new category of general all route pass @Rs. 220/- p.m. and student pass @Rs. 55/- p.m. enabling the pass holders to travel in all city services of DTC including Limited Bus Stop and Green Line services but excluding Palam Coach, Tourist and Inter-State services of DTC. Meanwhile, STA, Delhi has directed these private buses to honour monthly and students passes issued by DTC.

At present, there is no proposal to increase the fleet of DTC.

National Highways Damaged in Punjab and Haryana Due to Flood

1298. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways falling in Haryana and Punjab are badly damaged by recent floods in those States;

(b) if so, what is the extent of damage; and

(c) steps taken by Government to get them repaired immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Full details of damages and estimates for restoration are awaited from the States. In the meantime an *ad hoc* release of Rs. 50 lakhs for Punjab and Rs. 20 lakhs for Haryana towards flood damages on National Highways have been made.

Construction of Bridges In Assam

1299. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of bridges which were to be constructed in Assam during 1992-93, district-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned for each of these projects and the amount spent so far;

(c) the details of the projects completed and lying incomplete;

(d) by when these are likely to be

completed; and

(e) what are the details of the new bridges that are likely to be constructed during the Eighth Five Year Plan in Assam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 46 bridge works on National Highways Nos. 31, 31B, 36, 37, 44, 51, 52, 53 and 54 falling in the districts of Nagaon, Karbi-Anglong, Goalpara, Dibrugarh, Darrang, North Lakhimpur, Cachar and Karimganj were under construction in Assam during 1992-93.

(b) An amount of Rs. 153.98 crores was sanctioned for these bridge works and the amount spent so far is Rs. 103.61 crores.

(c) and (d) Out of the 46 bridge works, 13 bridges have been completed and the remaining 33 bridges are at various stages of construction. These are targeted for completion within the next three years depending upon the availability of funds.

(e) Nine new major bridges and seventeen new minor bridges are proposed for sanction/ construction during the Eighth Five Year Plan subject to the availability of funds.

Allocation Of Funds For National Highway in Uttar Pradesh

1300. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted any proposal to Central Government for allocation of specific amount to the State for linking certain roads with the National Highway and other roads;

(b) if so, what is the number of such roads in the State for which allocation of funds has been sought;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for linking of roads with a view to develop the village;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the amount allocated for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in view the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of State Roads of Inter-State and Economic Importance. The state Government of U.P. have submitted ten proposals covering roads and bridges under this scheme in the 8th Plan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Performance of Indian Shipyards

1301. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Shipyards are on the verge of closure due to lack of orders;

(b) whether it is a fact that building of at least 10 per cent of the required ships during the Eighth Plan in our shipyards can avoid the closure; and

(c) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Declaring of State Highways as National Highways In Maharashtra

1302. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for declaring 11 State Highways as National Highweys; and

(b) if so, when the eleven State Highways or some of them are likely to be declared as National Highways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways in the 8th Plan, it is difficult at this stage to declare any new National Highway in any State including Maharashtra.